

NWPMA Condition Survey Committee Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2001

Attendees:

Newt Jackson - Nichols Consulting Engineers
Paul Sachs - Nichols Consulting Engineers
Bob Brooks – WST2 Center
Bud Furber – Pavement Services, Inc.
Derald Christensen – Measurement research Corporation
Bill McEntire – Clark County
N. Sivaneswaran – WSDOT Materials Lab
Dave Whitcher – CRAB
Bill Whitcomb – City of Vancouver
Don Zimmer – Thurston County

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Bill Whitcomb at approximately 9:50am and began with introductions by attendees
- ❖ There was discussion on the operation of the committee and how decisions will be made – it was decided to restrict voting to actual NWPMA members (as defined in the organization charter) with others acting in an advisory capacity
- ❖ Discussed the need to secure more involvement from the local level (cities, counties) Derald will furnish some names to Bill Whitcomb for consideration. Bill Whitcomb / Bill McEntire will try to recruit other locals into the committee
- ❖ Discussed how committee recommendations would be presented to the general membership for approval – some discussion on presenting minority as well as majority viewpoints to the general members for consideration and voting
- ❖ A good deal of discussion on what the focus of the committee should be and what is to be accomplished – with Newt's contribution discussed the differences and appropriateness of both Option A and B in the current pavement rating manual
- ❖ Type of facility, other considerations, determines which option to use: Option A – windshield survey for arterials and allows sooner intervention. Option B – walking survey for local streets provides for later intervention based on ratings
- ❖ Derald Christensen gave a presentation on the historical perspective of pavement rating and a comparison of various analysis methods
- ❖ Dave Whitcher discussed the current system(s) being used by the counties and where CRAB is headed in the future – plan to include non-structural rating distresses for use by counties, new system available after January 1st, need for consistency in data between all agencies

- ❖ Bud Furber talked about the process of developing standards through the ASTM and the possibility of using the standards in the committees work
- ❖ Bob Brooks gave an update on legislation that could impact the committee's work. Proposed bills would require cities to provide preservation rating information (based on Washington state pavement rating method or equivalent) on at least 70% of the cities arterial inventory. Possibility of tying compliance to funds.
- ❖ It was mentioned that the state will be reevaluating their analysis procedures because of automated data collection
- ❖ The committee determined that the focus of its work should be to develop an analysis procedure for use with Option B (area method). This may be followed with an analysis of the Option A procedures.
- ❖ The committee concluded that the pavement distress data collection procedures should remain consistent and that the analysis procedures are the area to focus on changing. Look at the feasibility of obtaining correlation between option A and B analysis methods (may not be easily done).
- ❖ The committee agreed to meet again on June 27th in the CRAB conference room.